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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3236

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: SURVEY TRIP BY HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS REPRESENTATIVE

REF: STATE 185113

1. EMBASSY MADE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS RE REFTEL WITH UAEG MINISTRY YOUTH AND SPORTS, ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE (ADDF), AND ABU DHABI POLICE (LATTER TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE EXTENSIVE SPORTS PROGRAMS). IN GENERAL, THERE IS DEFINITE INTEREST IN POSSIBLE VISIT BY GLOBETROTTERS AND PARTICULARLY IN HAVING OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE MATTER FURTHER WITH TEAM'S REPRESENTATIVES. WHETHER THIS INTEREST WILL RESULT IN FIRM COMMITMENT TO SPONSOR GLOBETROTTERS VISIT REMAINS BE SEEN, BUT WITH LEMON, HAYNES AND CUNNINGHAM IN AREA IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE TRIP TO ABU DHABI BE WORTHWHILE. BOTH UNDER SECRETARY OF MIN YOUTH AND SPORTS AND OUR CONTACT IN ADDF WILL BE HERE IN AUGUST 19-20 PERIOD INDICATED FOR VISIT HERE.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO MADE INQUIRIES IN UAE'S SECOND CITY OF DUBAI (MIN YOUTH AND SPORTS WILL DO LIKEWISE WITH SPORTS CLUBS THERE) AND WE HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER READING AS TO POSSIBILITIES THERE BY TIME GLOBETROTTER REPS ARRIVE.

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3. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS (THREE SINGLES) FOR NIGHT
AUGUST 19 AT ABU DHABI HILTON HOTEL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE FIRM ITINERARY OF GLOBETROTTER REPS AND
ADVISE THEM CONTACT CHARGE AND/OR USIS CULTURAL ASSISTANT,
YUSEF KAHTIB, ON ARRIVAL HERE.
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